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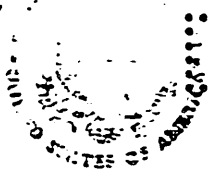
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SUBJECT: AFGAN COUP: GON INTEREST IN US VIEWS: REQUEST FOR
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SUMMARY: GON INTEREST IN AFGHAN COUP IS INTENSE, AND BASED PRIMARILY ON THREE CONSIDERATIONS: (A) WHETHER TO RECOGNIZE DAUD REGIME (NEPAL CONSIDERS AFGHANISTAN "NEIGHBORING COUNTRY" BUT DOESN'T WANT TO RUSH IN UNTIL IT KNOWS FACTS); (B) QUESTION WHETHER USSR AND PERHAPS INDIA HELPED INSTIGATE COUP (SEEN AS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO NEPAL'S OWN PARAMOUNT SECURITY CONCERNS); AND (C) ROYAL SYMPATHY AND CONCERN AT OUSTER OF ONE OF FEW MONARCHIES LEFT IN ASIA.

NEPALESE OFFICIALS HIGH AND LOW HAVE BEEN QUIZZING ME AND OTHER MISSION OFFICERS EVER SINCE DAUD COUP AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHY. JOINT SECRETARY IN FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS SITUATION INFORMALLY AND INDICATED GON HAS NO HARD INFORMATION YET ON WHICH IT BELIEVES IT CAN FORM JUDGEMENTS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN U.S. INTEREST FOR ME TO CONVEY REASONABLY CANDID ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOME TALKING POINTS, IF POSSIBLE BY TOMORROW. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER. END SUMMARY.

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3. AS DEPSEC RUSH AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO WELL AWARE FROM THEIR VISIT HERE LAST APRIL, 

 NATURALLY LEADS NEPALESE OFFICIALS INCREASINGLY TO LOOK TO U.S. AS WELL-INFORMED AND DISINTERESTED FRIEND CAPABLE OF PROVIDING USEFUL COUNSEL.

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